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SUMMARY: SEVEN PLUS SEVEN PLUS ONE (POLAND) MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16 INDICATED WIDESPREAD POSITIVE APPROACH TO IDEA
OF GATT MANAGEMENT GROUP. LDOS PARTICULARLY AFFIRMATIVE.
EC, HOWEVER, INDICATED COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS HAD NOT MET
ON SUBJECT SINCE JULY AND HE COULD ADD NOTHING TO WHAT SAID THEN.
COMPOSITION OF RESTRICTED GROUP SEEMS TO BE ONLY REAL PROBLEM,
BUT THAT FAR FROM RESOLVED. TO PUT PRESSURE ON COMMUNITY,
LONG SCHEDULED 7 PLUS 7 MEETING FOR THIS THURSDAY, BUT EC
HELD OUT LITTLE HOPE IT WOULD HAVE MUCH MORE TO SAY THEN. END
SUMMARY.

1. POSITIONS TAKEN BY REPS AS FOLLOWS:

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A. JAPAN(KITAHARA) SUPPORTS IDEA BUT MANDATDE

SHOULD BE KEPT SEPARATE FROM MTN. MALAYSIA (LAI) CONSIDERS IDEA IS GOOD ONE. PROBLEM IS MEMBERSHIP. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE TRIED VARIOUS PERMUTATIONS BUT SOLUTION NOT EASY. HOWEVER, IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT GROUP NEEDS TO BE KEPT SMALL AND MALAYSIA PREPARED BE FLEXIBLE. YUGOSLAVIA (TOMIC) SUPPORTED CREATION OF GROUP NOTING THAT COMPOSITION SHOULD BE REPRESENTATIVE. PERU (ALZAMORA TRAVERSO) SAID NEW BODY NEEDED AND NOTED THAT PRACTICLA PROBLEMS OF COMPOSITION HAD BEEN OVERCOME FOR OTHER RESTRICTIVE GROUPS ELSEWHERE.

B. INDIA(CHADHA) SAID GOI CONSIDERS IDEA USEFUL. NOTED THAT WHILE BODY WOULD NOT BE TAKING FINAL DECISIONS, IT WOULD CLEARLY HAVE DECISIVE INFLUENCE AND TERMS OF REFERENCE SHOULD PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. NOTED PROBLEMS OF COMPOSITION AND SAID THAT IF IF GROUP HELD TO 15, THERE WOULD BE ONLY TWO ASIAN LDCS, WHILE MINIMUM OF THREE NEEDED. U.S. (BRUNGART) STATED NEW GROUP IS NEEDED AND U.S. SUPPORTS ITS CREATION WITH MANDATE GENERALLY ALONG LINES PROPOSED SECRETARIAT. HOPED THAT COUNTRIES STILL REFLECTING WOULD REACH EARLY AND POSITIVE DECISIONS. BRAZIL (ALVARES MACIEL) SUPPORTED IDEA ON CLEAR UNDERSTANDING ITS FUNCTIONS WOULD BE ADVISORY AND WOULD NOT IMPINGE ON DECISION-MAKING PREROGATIVES OF COUNCIL AND CONTRACTING PARTIES. NIGERIA (ADEWAKUN) STATED REACTION OF HIS AUTHORITIES BASICALLY FAVORABLE AND HE HOPED HAVE DEFINITE INSTRUCTIONS SOON. EC (LUYTEN, ONLY COMMUNITY OFFICIAL TO SPEAK ALTHOUGH MANY MEMBER COUNTRY REPS PRESENT) SAID HAD NOTHING TO ADD TO WHAT HE HAD SAID IN JULY. NOTE: THERE IS GENERAL KNOWLEDGE THAT 113 COMMITTEE WILL BE CONSIDERING THIS MATTER WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.

C. ARGENTINA(MARTINE) SAID GATT HAS BEEN LAGGING BEHIND EVENTS AND NEW GROUP WOULD HELP REMEDY SITUATION. GROUP WOULD BE USEFUL TO COORDINATE WITH IMF AS WELL AS FOR TRADE POLICY CONSULTATIONS. DESIRABLE TO SET UP GROUP ON PROVISIONAL BASIS IF NECESSARY. MARTINEZ SAID MEMBERSHIP OF 15 TOO SMALL, SLIGHTLY HIGHER TOTAL WOULD BE BETTER. PAKISTAN (SALEEM) SAID AUTHORITIES FELT NEW GROUP WOULD HAVE USEFUL AND EFFECTIVE ROLE TO PLAY IN DEALING WITH INTERNATIONAL TRADE PROBLEMS. BROADLY SPEAKING, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TERMS OF REFERENCE IN SECRETARIAT PAPER ACCEPTABLE ALTHOUGH SOME CHANGES MAY BE NEEDED. SUGGESTED TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF 19 OR 20. ASSERTED ALL MEMBERSHIPS SHOULD BE ROTATING

(SIC). SWITZERLAND(DUNKEL) GENERALLY POSITIVE ALTHOUGH STOPPED SHORT OF FULL ENDORSEMENT. SUGGESTED GROUP

SHOULD FOCUS ON BETTER COORDINATION WITH IMF. (AFTER MEETING HE SAID PRIVATELY HE RECOGNIZES GROUP SHOULD ALSO HAVE GENERAL TRADE POLICY CONSULTATION ROLE BUT HE CONSIDERS INITIAL EMPHASIS ON COORDINATION WITH IMF WOULD IMPROVE CHANCES GETTING AGREEMENT ON SMALLY GROUP). CANADA(BARTON) DID NOT TAKE CLEAR STAND, STATED KEY FACTOR WOULD BE WHETHER CONTRACTING PARTIES WANT TO MAKE GATT FUNCTION WELL. ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES NO PANACEA. WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE IF GATT SET UP GROUP THAT FLOPPED. HOWEVER, CANADA WILL DO PART IF NEW GROUP IS WILL OF CPS. AUSTRALIA(TEESE) AND NEW ZEALAND(EASTERBOOK-SMITH) ECHOED CANADIAN LINE. NORWAY (HUSLID, FOR NORDIS) SAID THEY HAD HAD CERTAIN DOUBTS RE REASIBILITY BUT WILLING GO ALONG IF THAT IS PREVAILING WISH. NOTED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES MORE POSITIVE THIS TIME THAN AT LAST MEETING. POLAND (JODKO) STATED IF GROUP SET UP SOCIALIST COUNTRIES SHOULD BE REPRESENTED.

2. AT END OF MEETING LONG STRESSED THAT NEW GROUP WOULD BE CONSULTATIVE, NOT DECISION-MAKING AND THIS WOULD NOT IMPINGE ON PREROGATIVE OTHER GATT BODIES. GROUP NEEDED FOR COORDINATION WITH IMF AND FOR POLICY CONSULTATION WITHIN GATT. MANDATE SHOULD BE GENERAL SINCE NO ONE CAN SAY WHAT FUTURE TRADE SITUATION WILL BE. RE COMPOSITION GROUP SHOULD BE "TRADE-REPRESENTATIVE". THERE COULD BE ALSO FLEXIBILITY RE ATTENDANCE(ALTERNATES) AND IN NO CASE WOULD A COUNTRY BE BARRED WHEN MATTERS OF MAJOR CONCERN TO IT ARE AT ISSUE. ASKED EC WHEN 7 PLUS SEVEN PLUS ONE COULD USEFULLY MEET AGAIN. LUYTEN REPLIED DISCUSSION USEFUL BUT NOT CONCLUSIVE. EC AUTHORITIES CONSIDERING MATTER IN ITS ENTIRETY AND CAN'T SAY WHEN EC WILL HAVE OVERALL POSITION. IN RESPONSE TO LONG'S PROPOSFOR FOR ANOTHER MEETING THIS WEEK, SAID MIGHT HAVE SOME ADDITIONAL DETAILS BUT COULDN'T PROMISE OVERALL POSITION. SINCE NO ONE OBJECTED, NEXT MEETING SET FOR AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER19, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BUT WE EXPECT LITTLE WILL HAPPEN, SINCE WE DO NOT BELIEVE EC IS YET CLOSE TO INTERNAL DECISION ON MATTER. DALE

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